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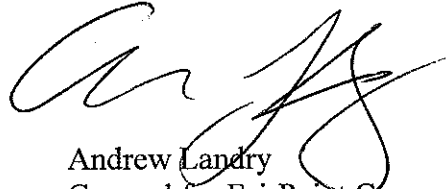
**Re: Broadband Initiatives Program and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
Joint Request for Information, Docket No. 0907141137-91375-05**

Gentlemen and Ladies:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter, please find the Comments of FairPoint Communications, Inc. in response to the Joint Request for Information issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Rural Utilities Service on November 16, 2009.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Best regards,



Andrew Landry  
Counsel for FairPoint Communications, Inc.

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